

**Date:** July 5-23rd, 2017  
**Team:** 22 People (Vancouver, Toronto, Calgary, Hong Kong)  
**School:** Huan Jiang Senior High School, Guangxi, China (環江，廣西)  
**Activities:** 2 weeks of English lessons for Guangxi local high school students, Cultural Day Christmas performance competition, English corners, rural home village visit, building friendship with local students and teachers.



## “Do Small Things with Great Love”

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“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

This amazing quote from Mother Teresa is part of the Project Shine curriculum where we teach about unconditional love. Our team members come from different backgrounds including different age groups, cities and we all possess different quirks and personalities. We are not experts in counselling or English teaching, but in all the small things we do we try to give it our best and do it with love.

How does “love” develop in such a short period of time? One of our Project Shine students name Megan who is also a CRRS sponsor student said “the Project Shine teachers didn’t come because we are poor, they came because of love”.

First of all, the act of “coming” all the way from Canada and fundraising for the trip is already a symbol of

love. I remember one student were surprised that we didn’t get paid to come teach English. Second, the way our team pours out their energy and relates with the students shows genuine care for their wellbeing emotionally and mentally. I’ve observed that some of our older teachers show a parental kind of love while the younger teachers shows care like an older sibling.

Many of the students don’t live with their parents for the majority of high school life, therefore they may lack parental guidance and even the experience of being nurtured. In the curriculum, we conduct “one on one” talks where each student has a 20 minute time slot to converse with their teacher about life or ask questions. Some of the students would share about their stress and challenges in life, some were even moved to tears.

Somehow doing simple things such as lending a listening ear,

taking the time to mark their essays, playing games with them, singing songs together and much more...has developed into “love” and a lasting relationship. May we continue to serve and pray for these precious students even when we are apart.

Let me conclude with another quote from Mother Teresa, “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”.



吳迪軒 項目主任

每年陽光計劃夏學遊總會在所教英語的學校看見一個「離高考還有口口天」的巨型倒數牌，雖然這與我們的英語課程無直接關係，但我們所教導的學生，都會在一年或兩年後面對高考，而明白他們將要面對的，讓我們更了解學生和他們的需要。

高考是每一個在中國有機會上學的學生的必經之路，是高中的最後一個挑戰，但這種「挑戰」並不是我們經常掛在口邊的那種挑戰自己，挑戰難度的「挑戰」，因為這

「挑戰」代表著他們的前途，代表著他們能否在接近十四億人口裡面，成為能夠掌握自己命運多一點的一小部分。他們在學期間，每天早上六時開始他們的學習生涯到晚上十一時，每天如是，面對著來自家人，老師，甚至自己，那種必定要成功的壓力，從未經歷過的我們，根本無法批評，無法想像。「離高考還有口口天」，對他們來說，並不只是一個高考倒數，或許更是一個將來命運的關鍵倒數。

由於以上的原因，陽光計劃夏學遊對他們來說，並不是一個英語夏令營那麼簡單，而是一個喘息的機會，一個接受新方式學習英語的機會，一個認識新朋友的機會，一個讓愛交流的機會。有了這些機會，或許對學生們將來考高考的實際成績幫助不大，但讓他們從新認識英語，培養對英語的興趣，以後用不同的態度去對待英語，這種從根底建立起來的態度，有可能就是他們未來的轉捩點，亦是陽光計劃夏學遊希望做到的期中之一。而中加交流下所建立的友愛，更是學生們，甚至每一位參與陽光計劃夏學遊的團員們，生命中的重要一頁。





# Member Reflections



## Cherry Lee

本地學生的真誠，當你用心與他們相處，他們是感受到你的愛心，對他們的關懷，他們的回應是很直接的。同時，我也感受到他們的熱情和單純。

## Grace Chan

The students have taught me about a deep respect for parents and family - One students said "All things can be replaced. But family, there is only one."



## Daniel Ye

During the two weeks, I have acquired a greater respect and pride for my Chinese heritage through observing the respect many Chinese children have for their education and family.



## Wayne Yeung

One of the most memorable experiences for me was one student sent me a message on our last day apologizing for being a poor learner. It touched my heart when I realize how hard the students have tried to communicate with me in a language that they are struggling with.



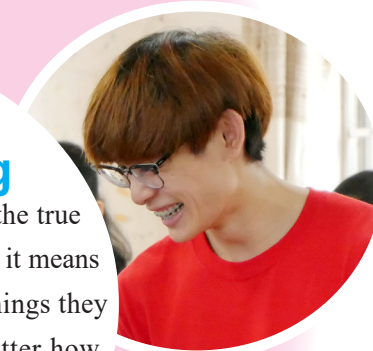
## Pauline Chow

I discovered that the love from the students was so pure, and they really try their best in everything that they do. Though they do not have much resources, they still have so much wisdom to share with us.



## Jeannie Yip

I've learned to let go of my fear of being alone; and trust that there is always God and others to help me. By not being afraid to ask for help and not relying on my own strength and thinking, I can do everything.



## George Wong

The students have taught me the true meaning of perseverance and what it means to make the best out of the little things they have. To be kind to others no matter how different we may be from one another.

## LOCAL STUDENT

## Megan Meng

We live in the small village and we're poor, we need love and you came, it is a big love and big gift, we feel very happy.



## Travia Mok

During the Project Shine trip, I learned to have more faith in God's plan for me, even when i did not understand it at the beginning. I would not rely on myself because i had no control over what would happen. Eventually, I experienced God's love More than ever.



## LOCAL STUDENT

## Yara Qin

In these 10 days, the teachers are very patience, they help us a lot! They're very responsible, they're always there whenever I need help.



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